

## INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program - Thailand

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Thailand to assist in preparation of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. **FACTS:**

a. Summary of Program.

(1) Tour Length: 16 months.

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates: July to November of the following year.

(3) Program Description: Up to two FAOs per year are attached to USDAO Bangkok, and attend the Royal Thai Army Command & General Staff College. FAO conducts local language studies and limited regional travel prior to attending the RTA CGSC. Course begins in Sep and runs until Aug of the following year. Local travel is conducted during CGSC, and regional travel is done before and after the CGSC course.

(4) Prerequisites: CPT/MAJ (MAJ desired at CGSC, but not required); branch immaterial; Thai language, 1+/2/1+ minimum; male preferred. Females have not attended RTA CGSC.

b. Transportation: Each FAO is authorized to ship one POV. This should be done early since shipping time is about 2-3 months. Check with sponsor before shipping POV. There is a FAO vehicle on station. This is a Government vehicle for official use only. It is *not* a substitute for personal transportation.

c. Household Goods: FAOs are normally authorized full JFTR. Incoming FAOs should coordinate with resident FAOs for recommended items to bring as accompanied and unaccompanied baggage.

d. Housing: FAOs live on the local economy, and receive OHA.

e. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: AMEMB operates a clinic with U.S. doctor in residence. JUSMAG-Thailand also has a clinic and a dentist. Dependent care is through CHAMPUS. Local hospitals are quite adequate.

(2) Dependent Schooling: The International School of Bangkok (ISB) is modeled after the American system of education, grades K-12. Programs for exceptional or learning disabled students are limited. There is also a New International School of Thailand (NIST), also K-12 and accredited. Other options include a British-style school, the Bangkok Patana School (Pre-K through 7) and the Ruam Rudi Parochial School (1-12).

(3) PX/Commissary: AMEMB operates a small but adequate facility. Gas station (no auto repair), fix-it shop, laundry, and pack-and-wrap facilities are also available. Almost anything needed is available in Bangkok.

f. Rater/Senior Rater:

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**3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

a. Bring materials for completion of CGSC. Bring U.S. Field Manuals. The Thais use translated copies of our manuals. Having the English version will help in studying for tests.

b. Business clothing is Embassy attire. Bring a full complement of military uniforms.

c. FAOs should bring a full range of military uniforms.

d. Regional Travel Priorities:

Priority One – Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia.

Priority Two – Philippines, Singapore, Vietnam, Burma, China.

Priority Three – Japan, Laos, Cambodia.

e. FAOs should obtain an International Driver's License prior to departing the U.S.

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